



47 **V. Review and Approval of FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to**  
48 **Include Construction Project on FM 691 @ US 75 Between Sherman and Denison**

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50 TxDOT is requesting that the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended  
51 to include a construction project on FM 691/US 75.

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53 The proposed scope of project on FM 691 would consist of widening existing two lane highway to 4  
54 lanes with raised median. The project limits would be 2000' W. of US 75 to 2000' E. of US 75.

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56 A public involvement meeting was conducted on August 20, 2008 and the proposed amendment was  
57 presented to attendees.

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59 Chairman Magers stated "in the spirit of full disclosure", that a meeting was held at the TxDOT Area  
60 offices "last Tuesday". He went on to explain that TxDOT would contribute \$1million (Cat. 11 – Dist.  
61 discretionary) out of the \$3million project. This would include a 'fixed payback' whereby those who  
62 contributed \$2million would get their money back over 4 years. Different proposals were discussed at  
63 that meeting. He reminded the board that during the previous meeting while discussing priority items,  
64 the top three items included FM 691/US 75 - \$3 million as well as two smaller projects: Travis and US  
65 82 (behind Wal-Mart) - \$800,000. He stated that he proposed to 'lump the two together'. His  
66 reasoning was that if the FM 691/US 75 project is funded as proposed, the category 3 money which  
67 would normally come to the MPO was dispersed at the board's discretion. Mayor Brady commented  
68 that the purpose of the meeting was to see if they (Sherman/Dension/TxDOT) could work out a way to  
69 fund this project. Numerous 'things' were suggested or could possibly work. No decisions have been  
70 made on any of the suggestions. Chairman Magers stated that the hope is that TxDOT would get the  
71 money. At that point the Chairman asked Bob Wood if the money was there (for construction of the  
72 TIP project). Mr. Wood proceeded to explain the TIP/STIP (Transportation Improvement  
73 Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program) process. In essence the state would have to  
74 show FHWA that they have or will have the funds for the project to go to letting. Mr. Kevin Harris  
75 (TxDOT) interjected and said that the money was there 'in concept'. Mr. Wood explained that at the  
76 state and federal level, these agencies may look at overall funding and say that some projects may need  
77 to be pulled out due to lack of overall (state or federal) funding levels.

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79 Board member Short asked for an explanation of the TIP template and it was given to the board by Mr.  
80 Johnson. At the conclusion of the explanation, Chairman Magers reiterated that the reason for the  
81 discussion is to make sure it is understood that "as Mayor of Sherman" he wanted to express his  
82 support for the project based the importance of regional coordination. It is difficult for him to outlay  
83 funds from city projects that are pressing. What the city of Sherman agreed to do was to make this the  
84 number one project on the priority list in exchange for the two projects behind Wal-Mart, US 82 &  
85 Travis (making them two and three). He wanted to reiterate the thought process of the 'give and take'  
86 regarding these three projects. Mayor Brady explained how he and Chairman Magers had been  
87 discussing this project for several months. It was a cooperative effort, per Mayor Brady.

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89 Motion was made by Mayor Brady, seconded by Gene Short to approve the amendment of the  
90 proposed project and authorize staff add the proposed construction project at FM 691 and US 75 to the  
91 current TIP and submit to TxDOT in Austin for implementation. Motion passed unanimously.

94 **VI. Inform and Review of the Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Project Listing**

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96 The Annual Project Listing is a requirement established through Safe, Accountable, Flexible and  
97 Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This list should be submitted to  
98 TxDOT by December 31<sup>st</sup>. It should include both highway and transit projects that received funding  
99 during the previous fiscal year. The Annual Project Listing should be compiled in conjunction with the  
100 TxDOT District Office and Transit Providers. The purpose of this list is to update the public and  
101 everyone involved in the planning process on the projects that are being funded within the MPO study  
102 area. The list is to be made available to the public through the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP).

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104 The Transportation Policy reviewed this document. No action is required for this item. This item is for  
105 informational purposes only. The board acknowledged the presentation of the list.

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107 **VII. Inform and Review of Environmental Justice Projects for Fiscal Year 2008 –**

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109 Environmental Justice is a federal requirement designed to promote equal treatment for low-income and  
110 minority groups in the transportation planning process. In planning for future transportation facilities,  
111 the MPO has a responsibility to ensure that there is not a disproportionately high and adverse effect on  
112 minority and low-income populations. The MPO must ensure that Environmental Justice issues are  
113 addressed and a complaint procedure is included into the public involvement process. To address this  
114 requirement, the MPO followed these steps:

- 115 1. Identify low-income/minority populations relevant to environmental justice issues;
- 116 2. Define the geographic areas where the noted low-income/minority conditions exist in the MPO  
117 area, utilizing data from the 2000 Census, and other relevant data sets;
- 118 3. Examine the existing transportation and transit system as it relates to the areas noted above;
- 119 4. Examine the location of future transportation projects via the Metropolitan Transportation Plan  
120 (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and study the correlation of these  
121 future projects to the areas noted above;
- 122 5. Create maps, and/or charts, and/or other relevant graphics to depict the existing and potential  
123 future conditions relevant to environmental justice, utilizing GIS and other automated tools; and
- 124 6. Reference these maps in the MPO's/TPB discussion of its Title VI activities (UPWP, MTP,  
125 Public Involvement Policy);
- 126 7. Annually review the map by the Transportation Policy Board;
- 127 8. Present the map to the public periodically as part of public involvement activities; and
- 128 9. Consider the map when organizing public involvement activities and consulted during the  
129 project selection.
- 130 10. Create a summary report that documents the process and findings of this analysis.

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132 The findings of this analysis should be taken into consideration for future transportation planning and  
133 capital projects in the MPO study area.

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135 The TPB reviewed the document. No action was required for this item. This item is for informational  
136 purposes only.

141 **VIII. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Draft Administrative Change (Addition of**  
142 **Non-Capacity Projects) to the Fy 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –**  
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144 TxDOT has requested that seven rehabilitation projects and one bridge project be added to the current  
145 TIP:

- 146 • FM 902 From: SH 289 to US 75 WFR
- 147 • FM 121 From: US 377 to SH 289
- 148 • US 75 From: FM 1417 to FM 902
- 149 • FM 131 From: FM 120 to FM 691
- 150 • FM 995 From: FM 120 to FM 1417
- 151 • US 82 From: Frisco Rd. to FM 1417 E
- 152 • US 82 From: Cooke County Line to FM 1417 W
- 153 • US 75 @ Park Street NB

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155 Under the MPO’s MTP/TIP Program Administration Guidelines (Administrative Change Policy  
156 Section 6. Addition of Non-capacity Projects from TxDOT Funding Programs), this modification,  
157 calling for addition of ‘non-capacity’ projects does not require action of the TPB for approval;  
158 however, all administrative changes are brought before the board for its review prior to submitting the  
159 document to TxDOT.

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161 The TPB Board formally acknowledged the addition of these projects to the current TIP.

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163 **IX. Presentation and Discussion of Draft FY 2010-2013 TIP Time Line –**  
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165 TxDOT provided TPB and MPO Staff with a draft time line for the next iteration of the Transportation  
166 Improvement Program. There was no action taken on this item.

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168 **X. Public Comment Period-**  
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170 Mayor Magers asked if there was a problem with changing the time of the TPB meetings from 10:00  
171 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. There was no objection to this time change.

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173 **XI. Adjournment -**  
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175 The TPB meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.